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HR (RB),

Your two mailings yesterday r(C'D today, with one from RB intended for you, enclosed.

I'm very far behind on everything and will get to the enclosures as I can and respond where ind. I will follow Texas when I can. Thanks. Keep count costs, please. Keeping spearate file on and on Texas Inq.

Institute Policy Studies (Skolnick noe calls it, too, CIA front) publishing two-vol. study Viet Nam war, accoring to Gary Wills today's column. Includes Bay Pigs reaction. I'll be checking with friends there, at IPS, when I can.

Urlet 13 (and sorryto hear of your granddad. Thought you were going camping).

Harper: Can't help. No ref to lady in my Harper file. Tell me where you saw it and I'll check further. You opened t his by referring to a letter from a woman, I suppose to me.

Your interepretation of decision FOI not quite precise, and I am not at all sure it refers to a file. The case refers to a single paper, a memo, that was referred to, and once referred to last its exempt status. Other papers that might be in the same file would, I assume, remain xempt if exemption justified. Do we have any notion re CD1269? Decision is American Mail Lines, Ltd, v. Gulick.

1026 pix: Curtains also visible Black Star, but diaphanous. You do not say if you went to BS of if you are getting them. Another is supposed to have been trying for two months. They rebuffed me several times long ago, claiming not to be able to find.

If your heart beat faster while you were with a girl and looking at Rusk, you either have a funny heart or misattribute it accelerated pace or with with a dog, for there was little new in what he said and that what you spotted, his acknowledgement of misjudgement. I do not really thing, as I remember what he said, that as he sees it he lied. As your eye ages with the rest of your body, it detects shades of gray where in youth one sees more black and white. As beauty is in the eye (and heart?), os are other judgements in the mind, two minds, in this case, his and yours. You do not put yourself in his position and consider the beliefs I believe he geuninely held, wrong, immoral, crazy as they are. That anti-red phobia did dominate everything. It is not imaginary. I do believe also that JFK began believing the domino theory, am not at all convinced that he had abandoned it as much as he had decided to change policy in part at least on a prggmatic basis. I have no doubt Rusk and thousands of other, including the younger Ellsberg, also believed it. So, go back and find out more about that girl's heart, yours, and apologize to her. Again you miss the gray with Fullbright, of whom the most one can say is that he has overcome his own earlier stupidity simply because he was forced to by the abuse and excesses of those who did not. If you do not know his record, as with Bay Pigs, refresh and learn. What was wrong with Frankel on that panel, given his past? And present? Sch. said more than you detected. Perhaps I'm wrong in recall, perhaps you'll see in reading. You know my narrow interest. ppreciate what little may be in that transcript. Fell asleep on Ellsberg, too long a day.

My attitude present Garrison business has nothing to do with my attitude toward him but is focused on fed activity, behavior, hidden objectives, not all of which I think I have plumbed. If I think it not likely he'd be a crook for so little, I do not say it is impossible, but I ask you to note that when the t had all those phones tapped and the man he trusted more than any other, in a year they have but two entirely inconclusive tranzcripts of conversations, both contrived, neither saying what they say it says. They may have held more back, but on the basis of what they have not, looks more to me like he thought he was getting political ormmore likely investigation contributions. More on this awaits face to face discussion, by which time I may know more....Without reading enclosures, suggest more than vanity is involved with Belin, fierce desire self-justification being one.

Best. HW